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SUBJECT: VISIT OF REGIONAL RESOURCES ATTACHE

REF: A) KINSHASA 8223; B) KINSHASA 8360; C) KINSHASA 8727

1. FOR KINSHASA: PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FROM GOZ FOR SWEETWOOD/ELLIS INSPECTION OF KOLWEZI INSTALLATIONS (REFS A AND B). SUGGEST THAT SWEETWOOD AND ELLIS BRING TO LUBUMBASHI FROM KINSHASA GOZ DOCUMENT AUTHORIZING THEIR VIST TO ALLAY POSSIBILITIES OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS WITH GECAMINES OR OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

2. SWEETWOOD AND ELLIS SHOULD BRING TWO PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOS EACH FOR LOCAL LAISSEZ-PASSERS FOR LUBUMBASHI-KOLWEZI TRAVEL.

3. RE PROBLEMS POSED REF C: BECAUSE OF THE DESULTORY AND UNPREDICTABLE NATURE OF AIR ZAIRE SCHEDULING FOR KINSHASA-LUBUMBASHI FLIGHTS, WE SUGGEST SWEETWOOD AND ELLIS MAINTAIN THEIR ORIGINAL ITINERARY AND PLAN TO ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE LUBUMBASHI ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 22. CONSULATE'S EXPERIENCE IN RECENT WEEKS HAS BEEN THAT CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS HAVE LITTLE OR NO VALUE, THAT MANY "V.N.P. -- VOLS NON PREVUS" (UNSCHEDULED
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FLIGHTS) DEPART WITH SHORT NOTICE, AND THAT ON-THE-SPOT EX-PEDITING CAN FREQUENTLY GET ONE A SEAT ON A DEPARTING FLIGHT. THEREFORE WE BELIEVE THAT SWEETWOOD AND ELLIS SHOULD CONTINUE TO SCHEDULE ONE WORKING DAY CONSULTATIONS IN KINSHASA AND THEN ATTEMPT BY ANY MEANS AVAILABLE TO ARRIVE LUBUMBASHI THE FOLLOWING DAY. FOR OUR PART, WE WILL KEEP IN CONTACT WITH GECAMINES ON FLEXIBLE KOLWEZI TRIP, SCHEDULING FOR CHANGES OF PLAN IF THEY OCCUR.

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